

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the action mailed August 11, 2004, the Examiner has asserted that the Response dated April 22, 2004 is not fully responsive because the claims "have been amended to read upon a nonelected invention (claim 1 was amended to read upon a method employing a pyrimidine nucleotide precursor)". This assertion is respectfully traversed.

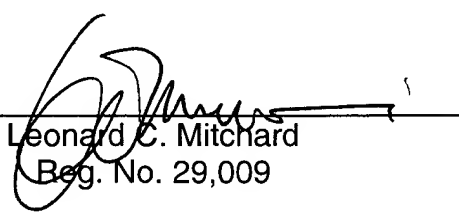
The method employing a pyrimidine nucleotide precursor is consonant with the elected invention. Thus, elected original claims 11-13 and 18-20 all recite a pyrimidine nucleotide precursor. The addition of the word "precursor" in claim 1 is merely the correction of a clerical error, and is necessary to provide antecedent basis for the recitation of "said pyrimidine nucleotide precursor" in claims 11-13 and 18-20.

In light of the above, it is clear that the Response dated April 22 2004 is fully responsive. Further action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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